Chapter 1: God Will Make a Way: Leader's Guide by Henry Cloud

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He made a way to get them out of Egypt, He made a way for them to cross the Red Sea, He made a way for them in the crossing of the wilderness, and He made a way for them to go into the promised land. Just as He made a way for them, He will and can make a way for you and I. I am glad that the God we serve is a God of great power. God is unchangeable, therefore, as He made a way for them, He can make a way no matter what the need is every generation that will look unto Him. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Well put this message in your hip pocket because you will need it later. The Bible give testimony to two great men in the Bible. But one thing these men both had in common was that faced many troubles but from time to time God made a way for them. The story is told of an only survivor of a wreck who was thrown on an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build himself a hut, in which he placed the little that he had saved from the wreck. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any passing ship. One day on returning from a hunt for food he was horrified to find his hut in flamesâ€"all he had had gone up in smoke. The worst had happened it seemed. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was in reality for the best. The next day a ship arrived. John Wesley had a terrible wife. She tormented him beyond measure. But he said that he attributed most of his success to his wifeâ€"that she kept him on his knees and because he was kept on his knees, he had the victory. I worked in a sawmill. One morning the boss told me. It was during the depression, and my wife and I greatly needed the small wages I had been earning. Within five years, I was a multi-millionaire! This Scripture tell us that we will have trials and afflictions from this world that you and I live in We need to remember that this world that we live in took the sinless Son of God and nailed Him to a cross. This world hated Jesus and they will hate you. The reasons many are not having many afflictions is that they are giving into the world, they are going along with the world.

Chapter 2 : God Will Make a Way- Group DVD Study â€" Growth Skills

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At the mere mention of the word community, people often eye you as if you had dropped in from another world, smile tolerantly, and hope you change the subject. Good, sensible, Christian people. Or that they have to abandon their fertilized lawns and move to the inner city. The idea of community is, in a sense, from another world, a world very unlike our own. But it is neither from the world of communes in Vermont nor from the placid world of cookies and tea Christians share before they rush back to their isolated lives. Community is from the world as God wants it to be. It is the gift of a rich and challenging life together, one that we need and can receive with joy. Christian community is simply sharing a common life in Christ. It moves us beyond the self-interested isolation of private lives and beyond the superficial social contacts that pass for "Christian fellowship. We know all too well that maturity takes time. We know less well that it also takes our sisters and brothers in Christ. Love one another, forgive each other, regard each other more highly than yourselves. Be friends with one another, kind, compassionate, and generous in hospitality. Serve one another and submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. This list just scratches the surface, but it is enough to remind us that we need the community of faith to grow up in Christ. Christian community is the place of our continuing conversion. Its goal is that, individually and together, we should become mature, no longer knocked around by clever religious hucksters, but able to stand tall and straight, embodying the very "fullness of Christ" Eph. When I confess my sin and they forgive me, I know that God forgives me, too. When they pray for my brokenness, I know that they are sharing in the healing work of Jesus. In our dog-eat-dog, enemies-with their teeth-bared world, when we feel the crush of hostility and of our own failures, to have our Christian community surround us with compassion and encouragement lightens our loads, strengthens us, and gives us the courage to keep on trying. A Source Of Accountability and Guidance The community also furthers our continuing conversion by being a place where we teach each other and hold ourselves accountable to each other. When I hear what God is teaching others, it teaches me, too. When I submit to the guidance and scrutiny of my brothers and sisters, it forces me to grow and to be accountable to the commitments I make. Ignoring this powerful element is one of the main reasons many small groups never really experience Christian community. They prefer to remain superficial. Inadvertently, perhaps, they enter into a pact of mediocrity in which they tacitly agree to let all the members "mind their own business" and not to hold people accountable either to each other or to the teachings of Christ. I tend to overfill my calendar with activities, projects, and meetings, a flaw that, for me, has spiritual roots. When I began work on my first book, I took the idea to a group of trusted Christian friends who knew about my weakness. We had a wonderful and terrible meeting. After listening to me for a while, they said they thought God wanted me to write the book. They also asked to see my appointment calendar. I took their counsel, although giving up some of those plans made me heartsick. I also sent each of them a schedule of my "writing days" as a further step toward accountability. It is clear now though I knew it then that they were right. If I had failed to submit to their wisdom under God, that book would still be merely a few notes in a manila folder. It works, instead, to encourage us and help us in our growth and commitments. We may ask for guidance about how to handle a difficult relationship on the job or about how to put together a family budget that reflects our commitments about lifestyle and giving. The community gives us a place to air our growth and our struggles, our successes and failures. It simply gives us a way of guiding each other ever more fully in the ways of Christ. Both by instruction and by example, the New Testament teaches us to pray and to pray for one another Eph. We are called as well to a life of worship and praise. Yet, frankly, our experiences of prayer and worship in the church often shunt us toward merely watching others pray and take active roles in worship. We need a lab. We ourselves need to pray for each

other. Each of us needs to be prayed for personally. And the small community is precisely the place where we can experiment and learn the life of prayer. When I am not involved in a Christian community, it is the times of prayer and worship that I miss the most. Many of us are never really prayed for beyond a brief mention in one of those quick-and-dirty list prayers. I once privately offered a simple prayer of blessing for a friend who had been in public ministry for many years. I was overwhelmed when he said to me afterward, "No one has ever prayed for me like that before. Similarly, as we learn the ways of worship in the small community, we not only deepen our own lives but also enrich the life of public worship. In my experience, community is at its best when it becomes a workshop for prayer and worship. A Place To Serve The community is also where we learn to strip away our self-interest in order to serve others. It is here that we learn to share what God has given us, whether it be goods or spiritual gifts. It is also here that we learn to be served, though we are sometimes prideful and reluctant like Peter, who balked at Jesus washing his feet Jn. Sometimes we are the washers and sometimes the washees, but in many ordinary ways we can learn what submission and service mean. One community I know gave time and money so a mother worn down by the demands of young children could take a spiritual retreat. Others have found practical ways to swap mowers and ladders and child care; some have explored group buying to help each other grow in stewardship. In whatever ways, community means watching over one another for good, knowing that as we serve, all of us are growing stronger in Christ. Such communities, by their character and their action, witness to the power and presence of God in the world. They are models of what God wants for all of humankind. Too often, unfortunately, this beacon of witness has fallen far short in candlepower, especially where Christians have accomodated darkness rather than penetrating it. In these clusters of Christians, people should be able to see what they hope for but hardly expect: People of widely different social statuses and professions honoring each other rather than putting each other down Gal. People who tell each other and everyone else the truth, rather than lying out of convenience or cussedness Eph. They can see a people who are no longer captive to the spirit of the times. They will see love and acceptance, compassion and kindness, commodities that are in short supply in any age. And where they see this, the stark contrast of these communities compared with the world around them is itself a very compelling witness. They carry "the ministry of reconciliation" 2 Cor. That work goes forward visibly in many ways. One Christian community spends enormous energy trying to meet the plight of the homeless. Another works to rehabilitate homes of the poor and the elderly. Yet another quietly yet actively pursues a ministry of prayer and healing. And still others focus directly on evangelism, on feeding the hungry, on getting justice for the oppressed, and on much more. Function Over Form Some Christians feel that they must follow the call to community in rigorous, perhaps even radical, ways. We can thank God for the example of our brothers and sisters in communities such as Koinonia in Americus, Georgia, and Sojourners and the Church of the Savior in Washington, D. They help teach us principles that God wants for the whole Christian fellowship. Structure is not the point; relationships are. The good news is that community is a gift God offers to pour love out on us all. Getting Small Even though forms may not matter much, size does. For community to be specific and personal enough to reach its potential, we need groups small enough for everyone to be directly involved. The practice of the earliest Christians suggests a small scale. And it is clear that when Paul advised the Corinthians that "everyone" should be ready with a psalm, some instruction, or a revelation, he expected the meeting to be small enough for everyone to participate 1 Cor. The lived reality of communityâ€"in whatever form it takesâ€"holds great promise both for the Christian fellowship itself and for the world at large. For Christians it provides a place where together we can change and grow strong in following Jesus. A Call to Community The practice of Christian community, quite simply, makes the gospel a lived reality. It embodies a specific, personal way of life together in Christ. And it is necessary. When we imagine that we, as Christians and humans, can live in total independence and self-sufficiency, we are deluding ourselves. God, from the beginning, never intended that we should go through the world "alone. Without experiencing such life together, we will not discover how wonderful the news about Jesus really is. Community is not to be feared, but welcomed. The reward is to enter into life as God intended it to be lived from the beginning. How can we

balk at an offer like that?

Chapter 3: Conversations with God Foundation - Programs

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This is how I had always understood and walked with God. I had shared these truths in many places where I was asked to speak. Knowing and Doing the Will of God. Since God has used this study to touch and change millions of lives and thousands of churches around the world. At the tenth anniversary more than three million copies of the workbook had been distributed, and God was using other Experiencing God resources as well. The workbook is now published in 47 languages and has been used in almost every denomination. We are amazed that God, in His mercy and grace, would use such a modest work by ordinary people! He has chosen to grant His favor on His truth expressed in this study. We have been overwhelmed by the response to the truths shared in Experiencing God. So many lives have been radically changedâ€"in prisons; in the military; and in all walks of life, including lawyers, judges, CEOs, professional athletes, and politicians. Thousands of churches, high schools, colleges, and seminaries have been greatly helped and radically changed. God has used these truths to affect people around the world, including leaders of countries, government officials, and diplomats. Hundreds of missionaries are on the field of the world because of this study, and hundreds of others are now serving as pastors, evangelists, and faithful servants. Only heaven really knows how God has chosen to use Experiencing God. Make it a Family Experience Indeed, the book and Bible study that Blackaby co-authored have been translated into 47 languages, embraced by almost every denomination, and sold more than 7 million copies. The reach of Experiencing God now extends from local lawyers to national athletes, from military heroes to world leaders, from prison yards to the mission field and beyond. For parents, teenagers, and young children, these fresh applications of a timeless, trusted message will bring families closer together and ever closer to God. Click here to see the brochure for this material! Adult Curriculum The Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God Bible study is the classic, best-selling, 13 week study. The following resources can be used as part of that study. Experiencing God Revised Member Book This revised and expanded edition of the classic best-selling course guides learners to experience the kind of relationship with God through which they come to know and do His will. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Churches will be helped to better function as the body of Christ as members understand how to experience God as a church. It includes step-by-step guidance for an introductory session and twelve small-group sessions corresponding to the units in the member book. Seven Realities for Experiencing God â€" Member Book Seven Realities for Experiencing God examines seven scriptural realitiesâ€"those Moses experienced in Exodus 3â€"that teach believers how to develop an obedient love relationship with God. Small-group friendly, it contains content that can be consumed daily in a manageable amount of time. It focuses on the application of the Kingdom Principles, as set forth in Experiencing God, and how these principles apply to young adult life issues.

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Next This is the 3rd installment in the 4-part series on Second Chances. It is so good to be reminded that our past failures are not final and our pain need not be fatal. Our second chance account for today comes from the story of Joseph and his brothers. The providence of God had landed Joseph in the position of being in charge of the very supply distribution program that his brothers sought. There are two very big things you ought to think of every time you consider the story of Joseph and his brothers: God knows what you will need tomorrow and the day after that, next year and the year after that. Every problem, every adverse circumstance, He already has a plan for you to work it out. Because of His great love for you! God instructed Noah to build an ark long before it ever rained so that he would have a ship in which to save his family. There are no surprises with God! And He also has the answers! And it is a story that teaches us HOW God is always working things out. The story of Joseph teaches us how God transforms pain by perseverance, how He transforms hurt into hope, and sorrow into success. Today we want to learn about HOW God will make a way. How will God make a way in your life? And He will make a way for you utilizing the same principles. God will make a way by offering the forgiveness you need. Philip Yancey shared this in book, "Rumors of Another World. Colorado has 54 mountains rising above 14, feet and every summer I climb some of them. On a summer weekend in the mountains, I see casual hikers who have no idea what they are doing. In sandals, shorts and t-shirts, carrying a single container of water, they start up a trail at mid-morning. They have no map, no compass, and no rain gear. They also have no apparent knowledge of the lightning storms that roll in many summer afternoons, making it imperative to summit before noon and head for the safety of the timberline the elevation in a mountainous region above which trees do not grow. Nevertheless, regardless of the circumstances, Alpine Rescue always responds to a call for help.

Chapter 5 : Community: God's Design For Growth | theinnatdunvilla.com

God Will Make a Way Group Study Program Discovery Guide: What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do by Henry Cloud, John Townsend The best-selling book God Will Make a Way by Drs. Cloud and Townsend clearly illustrates the often-surprising ways God shows up and addresses our problems in ways we never dreamed possible.

Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God? In this new six-part film series and study program, Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how. Using the insights of St. And why does he matter? Some see him as a mythical fairy in the sky, others as the Supreme Being. Some consider him a threat to our freedom. But for Christians, God is not one being among many. God is that than which nothing greater can be thought, the strange and unique source of being itself. Before discussing anything about God we must become clear about one question: Lesson 2 â€" St. Thomas Aquinas composed his famous five paths to God. They simply start from the world around usâ€"trees, birds, buildings, and even ourselves. Thomas noticed that none of these things have to exist. For Thomas and all Christians since, we know this source of all being by its ancient nameâ€"God. How does he act? God is omniscient, knowing all things. God is omnipresent, everywhere in existence. Through these attributes we discover a God who presses upon the world, always and everywhere, not aggressively but only with love. Why does God allow evil? If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why are our lives marked with pain and suffering? These are not abstract questions. They go right to the heart of our experience. We have each wrestled with misery, wondering when God would intervene. As with Job, God does not give us answers. He instead offers a person: Lesson 5 â€" Exploring the Trinity The most important event in human history took place when God, infinite and incomprehensible, became a finite and familiar man, Jesus Christ. While some people reduce Jesus to a wise teacher, the testimony of scripture and the early Church makes it clear that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God incarnate. And by his sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, we too can enter into Trinitarian life. What does this mean? Augustine it affirmed that our own traitsâ€"our minds, our self-knowledge, our self-loveâ€"can tell us something about God as a Trinity. What is Christianity finally about? What is the deepest meaning of being and all reality? The Christian answer is this: God is love, a play of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For group study, you can present the program in seven minute sessions. Participants read the commentary in the study guide and prepare the questions before the small group discussion. This preparation can be accomplished either before or after they view the DVD, as the Commentary in each lesson is very detailed.

Chapter 6: Bible Study Isaiah Chapter He makes a way!

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Chapter 7: | Experiencing God

Life for every person on earth is a challenging journey - with or without God. Those who invite God to join them on this adventure believe that when bad things happen, they can trust God to be present and work on their behalf.

God will make a way! By I Gordon Introduction Isa From the passage above we see that God introduces Himself as the God who makes a way. He will make a way! This is a very special verse for me because God gave it to me during a very difficult time. So the whole focus of this study is to simply say what the Lord emphasised to me during that time â€" and that is that despite the difficulty of a situation and despite the options that look limited in the natural, God is a God who makes a way. He makes a way. It would be a time when they were taken from the homeland and exiled in foreign countries. Historically we know and see the fulfillment of such passages in the Babylonian exile in BC. And as He did so, it was like He had to re-introduce Himself again to His people and remind them once again of His character. The self existent, active, ever present God. Maybe you have been feeling like the Israelites were? Maybe you have taken your eyes off the Lord and onto your situation? Maybe the difficulty of what you face has clouded out the thought and presence of He who is for you? And I had when God reminded me of this scripture. So maybe you have as well. Unfortunately it is something that our nature finds all too easy to do. So what else did God remind them in this little re-introduction about Himself? Well, He reminded them that He is the Creator of Israel. It was through the plan and purpose of the eternal God. Do you really think that I am going to forget you or let you go? The real King was still overlooking all that occurred. He who makes a way through the sea Who makes a way through the sea And a path through the mighty waters What was God doing here do you think? What He is doing is reminding them of their past [2] and in particular of a time when there previously seemed like there was no way forward. It was the time of the exodus from Egypt when the Israelites faced certain death! Now, I know you are a busy individual [3] so let me just give you the quick executive summary of that time as a little reminder: When the Israelites began their journey, God specifically lead them in a path where they would avoid trouble and confrontation. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle. Did you experience something of this when you began your journey with God? Did you notice that God made things easy for you when you were born again? As God did for the nation of Israel as a whole, so He does for His people today. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. With no way back and no way forward, God does what God does best -The impossible. He made a way where, naturally speaking, there was no way. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Path of God leads to the Waters From what we have been looking at, it is clear that you can be following the God designed path for your life and it can lead straight to mighty waters. This is especially so if God desires to use you to help others. If you are to comfort others you first must have been comforted yourself. All of us will face the waters at some stage. The verse earlier on in Isaiah chapter When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. Thank God that He is able to make a way when no way naturally exists. He makes a way through. Now, this has positive and negative aspects does it not? Yeah, that sounds better. Yep, I would have accepted that. The period of difficulty is not forever and there is no need to setup camp in the middle of the waters thinking that that is your lot in life for all time. No, Israel had to walk through the waters but they kept walking. They kept progressing forward. And when the mighty waters rise in your life, you too will get through because God is the one who gets you through. And let me say one last positive aspect: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the

wasteland. Now why would He say this? Especially after just reminding them of a past event! Normally God wants us to remember the past so that we can bring to mind the previous deliverances and learn from our former mistakes. Why is that do you think? I believe there is a tendency to think of the Lord as the God who was and the God who will be, but not as the God who is. That is, we remember great things that God once did and rejoice in them But what about now? That is what God wanted His people to avoid. He was telling them that He is going to do something new and amazing for them in their day. They were going to experience something amazing themselves. He would make a way so that they could return from their exile and provide streams even in the desert. God is alive and interested in the lives of His people - then and now. Conclusion As I mentioned at the start of this study, this verse is special to me for God gave it to me at a difficult time in my life. And He did provide and make a way for me as well in honouring and fulfilling His word. The trials and difficulties of this life may be coming against you in way that seems like there is no way out. May you too proclaim His praise as you trust Him once again. Look again at how this chapter begins. I was going to highlight the really good bits but after doing that it was nearly all in bold so read it again and believe it as a promise for your own life as well for the character and purpose of God towards His people has not changed one little bit in the thousands of years since it was given. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. It may have been a difficult and bumpy road but I bet you can still remember times when God has graciously spoken direction, given comfort, granted courage and strengthen your inner being to pull you through those times. Might do you good and bring encouragement for today. Instead of being like those who left Egypt of whom it is written: I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds. Your way, O God, is holy; What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. You see right through me. Probably more to the point is that I can be a lazy writer! Initially you need to give them support to get them going. So you plant them in some nice fertilised soil, you support them with a stake against any winds and you give them regular water. You have to for they are young and weak until they get established. It is no different when a person becomes a Christian. He knows we are weak and need a lot of help and support. But you can also overdo it. When I purchased the tree the salesman at the garden store said to stake the tree but only to a certain height else the tree will not put down a good root system. He also said that if it is planted in compost only, the roots will only grow to the edge of the compost and no further. Thus, what seemed like a great help to the tree initially can severely weaken and limit its growth later on. The moral of the story you ask?

Chapter 8: The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters

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